direction of the Board, opportunity was given to concerned Directors by the Managing Directors and the replies received were sent to the Auditors for their consideration.

The Auditors conveyed their unhappiness to the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies over the improper language used by the Directors concerned. They stressed in their reply to the Central Registrar that all audit observations were made by them after carefully going through records produced before them for their verification and explanation provided by the Federation. They also informed the Managing Director that the request of the Federation regarding possibility of amending their audit report was "unprecedented".

(e) In case of tours undertaken by the Chairman, ex-post-facto approval was given by the Board of Directors. In regard to financial irregularities committed by the Vice-Chairman, and other Directors the matter has been taken up with the Central Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Unauthorised foreign tour of the Chairman of NFICL

1301. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shri M. J. Shah, Chairman of NFICL (National Federation of Industrial Cooperatives Ltd.) has gone abroad without proper permission from Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that he misused foreign exchange without proper permission of RBI; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken by Government under FERA against the Chairman?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter was examined by the Enforcement Directorate in consultation with RBI. They have come to the conclusion that there is no scope for enquiry against the Chairman under FERA.

Commemorative stamp in honour of Samarth Ramdas

1302. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to issue commemorative stamp in honour of a Maharashtra Saint Shri Samarth Ramdas; and

(b) if so, by when the stamp is likely to be issued?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Commemorative stamp in honour of Samarth Ramdas has been issued recently on 1.5.1988 in denomination of 60 paise.

Small scale industrial projects in Sri Lanka

1303. SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up small scale industrial projects on turnkey basis in Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the number of small scale projects to be set up in Sri Lanka; and

(c) what is the purpose of setting up these projects in Sri Lanka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) There is no government decision to